

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Scoop

April 20-24,, 2015		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p><b>Character Education</b> The Character Education word for April is: <b>Trustworthiness</b>. <b>Trustworthiness</b> is being honest, reliable, and following through on your commitments. We need to do what is right, even when it seems difficult. Each week we will be giving away Subway certificates to students who exhibit <b>Trustworthiness</b> characteristics!</p> <hr/> <p><b>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</b> This week we will be learning about great inventions. <b>Vocabulary Words:</b> <b>vertical, reused, inventions</b></p>	<p><b>Math</b> This week we will be working with measuring length, width and timelines. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Just a reminder:</b> <b>Homework is:</b> *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction &amp; counting money *Write stories; *Fluency sheets *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night. Thank you for your continued support. Your children will benefit!</p>	<p><b>Creative Writing</b> We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are original, fun, and thought-provoking. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."</p> <hr/> <p><b>Spelling</b> The students are working on various words from <u>Stone Soup</u>. We are doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.</p>	 <p><b>Dates to Remember:</b> <b>April 22</b> – Earth Day <b>April 24</b> – Mornings for moms &amp; Declam Contest <b>April 27</b> – No School – Teacher In-Service</p> <hr/> <p><b>Phonics &amp; Grammar</b> <b>Genre: Fiction</b> <b>and connect prior knowledge</b> <b>REVIEW</b> <b>Reading: "Driving Back in Time" short story review</b> <b>Guided Reading Groups:</b> <b>Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, non-fiction, and author's purpose. Independent Reading and A.R. Tests</b> ***** <b>Check out this website to see if a book your child is reading at home is an AR Book.</b> <a href="https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp">https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp</a></p>

## Vocabulary

With our Language Arts series, the students are exposed to high frequency and robust vocabulary words. Vocabulary is critical to reading success because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: delay, spare, upbeat, inexplicable, itinerary (REVIEW)

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: zoom, enthusiast, historical, fantastic (REVIEW)

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to: Be kind. Be safe. Be ready to learn!

## Read Aloud Charts

"The Lizard" (describing how we listen for a purpose) Review

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Sun" – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it. Review

### Listening Center

Stories: "Cross

Country Vacation"

by: Alma Flor Ada

Genre: Reader's

Theater (REVIEW)

While listening to

these stories, the

students will

learn new

vocabulary words

which include:

delay, fantastic,

spare, historical,

upbeat

The students will

also orally discuss

beginning, middle

and end of the

story & author's

message. They

will also learn

about story

structure.

### April Snacks

20– Andie

21–Kadence

22– Evan

23– Jorja

24 – Tracy

Thanks for  
providing snacks!!



Important Events: April 24 – Mornings for Moms – 7:15–8:30 & Declam Contest– 1:30–2:00; May 1– Science Fair 2:50–3:25; May 5 – Track and Field Afternoon; May 6 – Field Trip– to the Army National Guard, Butterfly House and Marine Cove, Outdoor Campus, and lunch at Sertoma Park. May 8– Grandparent Afternoon – 1:00–3:30; May 19 – Last day of school – Dismiss 1:30.

### Quotes of the Week–

"There is no short cut to achievement. Life requires thorough preparations!"

George Washington Carver

"Education is learning what you didn't even know that you didn't know!" Boorstin

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"Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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